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JULY 30, 1964

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR CHARLES ALLEN, DIV. A, NO. WINDHAM, JULY 11:

BOATING ACTIVITY AND CROP DAMAGE COMPLAINTS HAVE TAKEN UP MOST OF THE WARDENS' TIME HERE THIS PAST WEEK. WARDENS IN THIS DIVISION ANSWERED 67 COMPLAINTS THIS WEEK. THIRTY-SEVEN OF THESE WERE CROP DAMAGE COMPLAINTS. WE HAD 18 DEER KILLED; 11 BY CARS, ONE BY POACHERS, AND THE REST IN CROPS. THERE WAS STILL TIME TO GIVE OUT 19 WARNING CARDS AND MAKE 18 ARRESTS. WARDENS CHECKED 640 FISHERMEN, WITH A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THESE BEING NONRESIDENTS. FISHING ON THE WHOLE HAS BEEN FAIR. MOST WARDENS REPORT DEER SHOWING UP EVERYWHERE BUT MOSTLY IN PEOPLE'S GARDENS. PARTRIDGE NOT SHOWING ANYWHERE. DOG-DEER COMPLAINTS STILL BEING RECEIVED.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B, WATERVILLE, JULY 11:

WARDEN ORAL D. PAGE, BELGRADE: A NONRESIDENT SPORTSMAN STAYING AT OAK GROVE COTTAGES ON MESSALONSKEE LAKE CAUGHT A 4 LB. 10 OZ. LARGEMOUTH BASS THIS WEEK.

WARDEN WALTER HARRIS, AUGUSTA: BAD WEATHER CONTINUES TO SLOW DOWN BOTH FISHING AND BOATING ACTIVITY. CAMPS AND COTTAGES ARE FULL, BUT SHOWERS AND COLD WEATHER CONTINUE.

WARDEN HAROLD TUKEY, BELGRADE LAKES: BASS FISHING GOOD ON GREAT POND, ALSO GOOD-SIZED SALMON BEING TAKEN THERE.

WARDEN BILL GORDON, NORTH EDGECOMB: CROP DAMAGE COMPLAINTS ARE ON THE INCREASE, ALSO DOG-DEER COMPLAINTS HAVE PICKED UP LATELY. NOT MANY FISHERMEN OUT. THE MAJORITY ARE FISHING ON THE WEEK ENDS AND EARLY EVENING. BEAVER COMPLAINTS HAVE DROPPED OFF TO AN UNUSUAL LOW IN THIS DISTRICT THIS YEAR. THE TWO MONTHS OF OPEN SEASON REALLY HELPED TO ELIMINATE A LOT OF THE NUISANCE BEAVER.

WARDEN GEORGE NASH, JEFFERSON: DEER NOT SHOWING UP VERY WELL, AND NOT AS MANY CROP DAMAGE COMPLAINTS AS USUAL. STILL GETTING A FEW DOG-DEER COMPLAINTS.

WARDEN CHARLES TUTTLE, RICHMOND: THE LARGEMOUTH BASS AT COBBOSSEE STREAM ARE BEGINNING TO HIT WELL.

WARDEN WINFIELD GORDON, WARREN: NOT MANY FISHERMEN OUT AS THE WEATHER HAS BEEN CLOUDY AND FOGGY FOR ALMOST TWO WEEKS NOW. WHEN THE SUN DOES SHINE, THE BOATERS COME OUT. THE FISHERMEN ARE GETTING A FEW BASS AND WHITE PERCH ON DAMARISCOTTA LAKE. A FEW COMPLAINTS ON POULTRY BY RACCOONS.

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WARDEN OLIN JACKSON, SOUTH CHINA: NOT AS MANY FISHERMEN ON THE LAKES AS THERE USED TO BE BUT A LOT MORE BOATING -- EVEN ON THE SMALL PONDS IT IS MOSTLY SPEED BOATS NOW INSTEAD OF FISHERMEN. THERE ARE QUITE A FEW NONRESIDENTS IN THE AREA NOW, BUT NOT AS MANY AS THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY. THE THREE CAMPING AND TENTING AREAS IN THE DISTRICT ARE HAVING A GOOD SEASON.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALTER BISSET, DIV. C, ELLSWORTH, JULY 17:

THE NEW DIVISION WARDEN CAMP AT ORLAND IS NEARLY COMPLETED, AND THE MEN ARE VERY PLEASED WITH IT. ALTHOUGH FISHING FOR COLD-WATER FISH HAS DROPPED OFF WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS, FISHING FOR WARM-WATER FISH IS NOW AT ITS PEAK, AND SO IS BOATING ACTIVITY.

INSPECTOR HOMER EDGEComb, BUCKSPORT: PARTRIDGE BROODS ARE BEING SEEN THROUGHOUT THE DIVISION IN GREATER NUMBERS THAN IN THE PAST TEN YEARS. ALL INDICATIONS TO DATE SPELL OUT A GOOD BIRD SEASON AHEAD -- SOMETHING WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO FOR A LONG TIME.

WARDEN EDWIN WUORI, AMHERST: I AM SEEING MORE THAN THE USUAL NUMBER OF PARTRIDGE BEING RUN OVER BY CARS. INSTEAD OF SEEING MOUNTAIN LIONS, WHICH BY NOW MUST BE OLD STUFF TO NATURE JOKERS, THEY HAVE STARTED SEEING CARIBOU. A REPORT OF ONE SEEN SWIMMING ACROSS GREAT POND CAME IN LAST WEEK.

WARDEN R. LYLE FROST, SULLIVAN: THE WEEK END OF JULY 4 WAS THE QUIETEST IN YEARS, DUE MOSTLY TO COOL, FOGGY WEATHER. HAD ONE DEER KILLED BY AN AUTO AT SULLIVAN THIS WEEK -- A LARGE BUCK. FISHING INTEREST IS SLOWING DOWN, ESPECIALLY FOR COLD-WATER SPECIES. BOATING ACTIVITY IS TAKING OVER, AND I THINK THERE IS AN INCREASE IN BOTH BOATING AND WATER-SKIING OVER LAST YEAR.

WARDEN MOSES JACKSON, BRADLEY, JULY 4: ACTIVITY WITHIN THE DISTRICT HAS INCREASED DURING THE WEEK. ALL CAMPS AND COTTAGES AROUND CHEMO POND ARE FILLED TO CAPACITY. FISHING HAS IMPROVED DURING THE WEEK. SOME GOOD-SIZED BASS AND LARGE CATCHES OF WHITE PERCH HAVE BEEN TAKEN. SOME FISHERMEN CONTINUE TO TAKE THE WHITE PERCH AS LONG AS THEY WILL BITE OR UNTIL THE FISHERMEN ARE DRIVEN OFF THE POND BY DARKNESS. IN SOME OF OUR WATERS THE WHITE PERCH CATCHES ARE MEASURED BY PECKS OR BUSHELS, NOT IN NUMBERS, ESPECIALLY IN NORTHERN HANCOCK COUNTY. WATER IN THE BROOKS AND STREAMS IS VERY LOW. BROOK FISHING HAS DROPPED OFF IN SUNKHAZE STREAM, THE BEST TROUT STREAM IN THIS DISTRICT.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR LLOYD CLARK, DIV. D, MILLTOWN, JULY 17:

A FEW BEAVER COMPLAINTS AND A TRICKLE OF CROP DAMAGE DURING THE PAST WEEK. FISHING IS TAKING A BACK SEAT TO PICNICKING AND BOATING. WHITE PERCH FISHING HAS BEEN VERY SPOTTY, AND BASS FISHING HAS GONE FROM SLOW TO SLOWER. THE WATER IS VERY LOW.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR JOHN SHAW, DIV. E, WILTON, JULY 21:

WE HAVE HAD A BUSY SUMMER THUS FAR IN THE DIVISION. FISHING HAS BEEN VERY GOOD IN MOST AREAS, WITH THE USUAL SUMMER SLUMP IN TROUT AND SALMON FISHING POSTPONED BY THE MANY SHOWERS IN JULY. RECENTLY, AS FISHING ACTIVITY HAS DECLINED, BOATING HAS INCREASED, AND THE WARDENS ARE NOW SPENDING A GOOD DEAL OF TIME ON BOAT LAW ENFORCEMENT. EARLIER, DEER WERE APPEARING ALONG THE ROADS IN GOOD NUMBERS AND WE HAD AN EXPECTED INCREASE IN DEER-CAR ACCIDENTS, AS WELL AS SOME ILLEGAL HUNTING.

MORE

FIELD NOTES/ADD 2

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR W. L. ATKINS, DIV. H, PRESQUE ISLE, JULY 17:

WARDEN MAURICE GORDON, MASARDIS: WATER HAS COME UP IN THE BROOKS DUE TO THE NUMBER OF HEAVY SHOWERS RECENTLY, BUT HAS STARTED TO RECEDE RAPIDLY. FISHING HAS BEEN SLOW THIS PAST WEEK. TWO AUTO COLLISIONS EARLY SATURDAY MORNING (JULY 11): ONE WITH A DEER WHICH WAS KILLED, THE OTHER WITH A MOOSE WHICH BATTERED UP A WINDSHIELD, BUT GOT AWAY WITHOUT TO MUCH INJURY.

WARDEN VERNON MOULTON, PORTAGE: FISHING ACTIVITY CAME TO A HALT THROUGHOUT MY DISTRICT THIS PAST WEEK END. ALTHOUGH THERE IS STILL SOME GOOD FISHING, THE FISHERMEN SEEM TO HAVE LOST THEIR ENTHUSIASM. WARDEN RUSSELL COOK, HOULTON: HAD A REPORT OF TWO CARIBOU SEEN IN A GARDEN IN LUDLOW, SUNDAY, JULY 12.

WARDEN IVAN PORTER, ASHLAND: RECEIVED A MUCH NEEDED RAIN THIS PAST WEEK. THE BROOKS HAVE A GOOD LEVEL. WOULD EXPECT GOOD FISHING ON THE DROP OF WATER. HAVE SEEN MANY FAWN DEER TRACKS ALONG THE WATERWAYS. LOOKS LIKE A GOOD CROP OF YOUNG DEER. FISHING ACTIVITY IS VERY LIGHT.

WARDEN JOE CARON, FORT FAIRFIELD: RECENT HEAVY RAINS HAVE SLOWED FISHING ACTIVITY, BUT WHEN THE WATER STARTS TO DROP IT SHOULD HELP GREATLY FOR BETTER FISHING.

OBSERVED EIGHT ARCTIC TERNS AT FISHER LAKE THIS WEEK, (JULY 11). WATCHED WITH BINOCULARS SO GOT GOOD VIEW AND ALMOST POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. THESE ARE THE FIRST TERNS I'VE SEEN IN THIS AREA. TWO MOOSE CROSSED FORT FAIRFIELD LAST WEEK. FROM THE TRACKS, THEY WERE ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AND WERE LARGER THAN YEARLINGS. HUNDREDS OF FAIR-SIZED TROUT AT THE MOUTH OF YOUNGS BROOK IN WESTFIELD. BEFORE THE RISE OF WATER, THEY COULD BE EASILY OBSERVED. THEY ARE FUSSY ABOUT TAKING BAIT OR FLIES.

WARDEN MAYNARD PELLETIER, CARIBOU: GOT A CALL LAST WEEK (JULY 11) ABOUT DEAD FISH IN THE AROOSTOOK RIVER. IN CHECKING THE RIVER FOUND THOUSANDS OF DEAD FISH, TROUT AND SALMON INCLUDED. AS RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT, THE POTATO PROCESSING PLANT AT PRESQUE ISLE HAD DUMPED 20 THOUSAND GALLONS OF FUEL OIL IN THE RIVER. COULDN'T SEE BOTTOM IN SIX INCHES OF WATER. OUTBOARD MOTOR HEATED UP BADLY; HAD TO STOP AND CLEAN IT DUE TO OIL AND POTATO PULP.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR C. F. COOPER, DIV. I, STOCKHOLM, JULY 19:

WARDEN LEONARD PELLETIER, ST. FRANCIS: VERY FEW FISHERMEN WERE CHECKED OVER THE 4TH OF JULY WEEK END. DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, I DID NOT SEE ANY PARTRIDGE; HOWEVER, THEY ARE STARTING TO SHOW UP NOW. SOME BROODS ARE LARGE AND SOME SMALL. ONE FISHERMAN REPORTED SEEING ONE OLD BIRD AND 10 YOUNG LAST WEEK. DEER ARE SHOWING UP WELL. A LOT OF FAWN TRACKS ARE BEING SEEN ALL OVER THE DISTRICT, MUCH BETTER THAN LAST YEAR. WATER IN THE RIVERS, BROOKS, AND STREAMS IS GOOD FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR IN THIS AREA, BUT I HAVE HAD VERY FEW FISHERMEN. FALL BROOK DEADWATER HAS THE MOST ACTIVITY, WITH MOST EVERYONE GETTING TROUT.

WARDEN DONIS WHEATON, CLAYTON LAKE: DEER ARE STILL SHOWING UP ESPECIALLY WELL, WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF FAWNS BEING COUNTED. FISHING IS STILL GOOD, WITH GOOD TROUT FISHING IN THE BROOKS AND STREAMS. IN THE PAST WEEK, SEVERAL STREAMS WERE OVER THEIR BANKS WITH RAIN ALMOST DAILY. FISHING ACTIVITY HAS DROPPED OFF CONSIDERABLY AFTER THE BIG WEEK END.

MORE

FIELD NOTES/ADD 3

WATER ON THE ALLAGASH AT CHASE'S CARRY IS VERY GOOD, WITH A NICE PITCH OF WATER.

WARDEN PHILIP DUMOND, ESTCOURT STATION: THE FIRST TWO PARTRIDGE BROODS I HAVE SEEN THIS YEAR WERE ALL FLYING AND MOSTLY ALL FEATHERED-OUT. MANY TWIN FAWNS HAVE BEEN SEEN, AND IT LOOKS LIKE A GOOD YEAR FOR DEER. BEARS ARE MUCH FEWER, AT PLACES, THAN LAST YEAR. VERY FEW CUBS HAVE BEEN SEEN. FISHING ACTIVITY IS STILL GOOD. TROUT FISHING IS BEST NOW IN STREAMS AND BROOKS. FLIES ARE BAD -- THE WORST YEAR SEEN FOR SOME TIME. THE WATER LEVEL IS AVERAGE IN BROOKS AT THIS TIME.

SUPERVISOR COOPER: THE FISHING PRESSURE HAS DROPPED OFF CONSIDERABLY THIS MONTH, WITH THE LONG WEEK END OF JULY 3 - 5 NOT BEING MUCH BETTER. THE FISHING GENERALLY IS GOOD THROUGHOUT THE DIVISION. WE ARE STILL HAVING CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE WITH NUISANCE BEAVER. WE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE A FEW BEAR IN THE FIELDS, BUT AS YET, NO CROPS ARE BEING DAMAGED. PILOT RICHARD VARNEY AND I RECENTLY OBSERVED WHERE A BEAVER DAM HAD BROKEN. IT LOOKED AS IF A GIANT BULLDOZER HAD FOLLOWED THE BROOK BED FOR OVER A HALF MILE BELOW THE FLOWAGE. I BELIEVE THIS HAPPENED AS A RESULT OF A HEAVY SHOWER IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA.